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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : **METHOD OF JOINING NON-METALLIC AND METALLIC COMPONENTS**

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**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
AND RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant confirms that on January 21, 2005, applicant's attorney interviewed the Examiner in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's amendment includes the extent of the interview. No prior art was cited or discussed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of the above-identified patent application, however, applicant does acquiesce to the reasons set out in the

Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the allowed claims of this application patentably distinguish from the cited references for at least the reasons set forth in the Notice of Allowance. Such a characterization of the claims in view of the prior art would not properly take into account the claimed invention as reflected in the specification of this application. Again, while applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature of the claims is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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